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## **Fermilab Computing Division**

# **Service Level Management Process & Procedures Document**

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1. GENERAL			
Description	This Process and Procedure document is the basis underlying the implementation of Service Level Management as a part of the overall ISO 20000 Deployment Project for Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory		
Purpose	The purpose of this document is to establish a service level management (SLM) process for the FNAL Computing Division (CD). The goals of SLM as defined by ITIL are to maintain and improve IT service quality through a constant cycle of agreeing, monitoring, and reporting upon IT service achievements and instigation of actions to eradicate inadequate service in line with business or cost justification. Through these methods, a better relationship between IT and its Customers can be developed.		
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## 2. Introduction

## **GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

Service Level Management (SLM) is the discipline by which the delivery of services is constantly improved through negotiating agreements between the service providers and customers or service consumers, and then monitoring and measuring service delivery to ensure the agreed-upon service levels are reached.

#### SLM has benefits for:

- The Customer, who has an accurate awareness of precisely what, and what not, to expect from services, and
- The Service Providers who know what their responsibilities are in terms of delivering each service to the Customer.

In both cases, more precise expectations management leads to more satisfied groups.

In the overall ITSM framework, SLM plays a critical role. Once the system is deployed, the success or failure of all other areas is measured against its success in helping to deliver the agreed-upon service levels in an effective, efficient and economical manner.

#### **DOCUMENT ORGANIZATION**

This document is organized as follows:

- Introduction
- Process Context Diagram
- Interfacing Process Flow
- Service Level Management Policies
- Service Level Management Process Flow
  - Process Roles and Responsibilities
  - Process Measurements
  - Service Level Management Process Integration Points
- Define Capabilities Procedure Flow
  - Define Capabilities Procedure Business Rules
  - Define Capabilities Procedure Narrative
- Identify Service Level Requirements Procedure Flow
  - Identify Service Level Requirements Procedure Business Rules
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## **SLM ROADMAP**

Although there are various methods by which Service Level Management can be deployed in an organization, the method which was chosen here took into account the amount of resourcing required, and the efficiency and accuracy of the activities which would be executed. The primary steps by which the entire will be framework will be executed is as follows:

#### Phase 2:

- Select an representative subset of the service being offered by the Computing Division:
  - E-Mail
  - Service Desk
  - Desktop Support
- ❖ Do a Deep dive into the dependencies which exist for each service
- ❖ Define, negotiate, and agree upon SLA's and OLA's for each service
- \* Record the details of each Service Target and Agreement in the BMC SLM Module
- ❖ Determine the appropriate measurements for each service
- Define the appropriate Reports for each service

## Phase 3 to n:

Deploy the same steps executed for phase 2 to cascade SLM to all services provided by the Computing Division.



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## 4. Service Level Management Policies

## **SLM Policies**

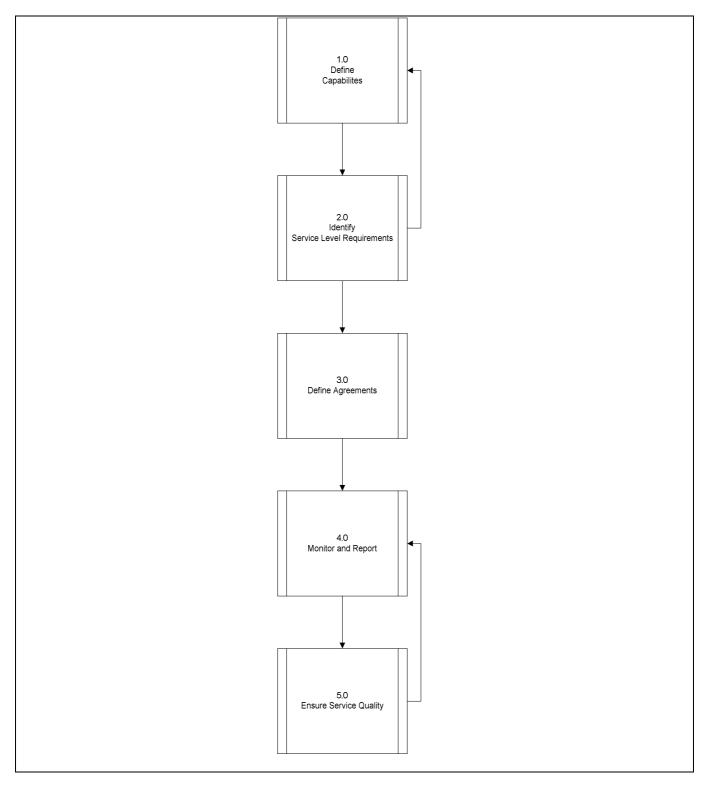
The policies for Service Level Management are as follows:

- Formal processes, procedures, and guidelines must be documented, consistently followed, and enforced for the Service Level Management process.
- A Service Catalog shall be developed and maintained to list all of the services being provided by the Computing Division, a summary of their characteristics and details of the Customers and maintainers of each.
- SLAs shall be established for services being provided by the Computing Division.
- Underpinning Contracts and Operational Level Agreements (OLAs) must also be in place with those suppliers (external and internal) upon whom the delivery of service is dependent.
- Service Level Requirements must be developed for all Services implemented.
- The Services shall be monitored with Management Reports created monthly and reported to the full range of business and CD stakeholders.
- Service Improvement Procedures must be invoked when appropriate.

The Service Level Management Policies have incorporated the appropriate sections of the Service Catalog Policies.

## 5. Service Level Management Process Flow







Process Roles and Responsibilities				
Roles	Responsibilities			
Service Level Manager	<ul> <li>Submits requests for new service offerings</li> <li>Manages relationship between Customer and IT</li> <li>Acquires all customer requirements for services</li> <li>Prepares and presents Service Commitment to Customer</li> <li>Facilitates initiation of services according to terms laid out in the service commitment</li> <li>Conducts pre-reviews of customer reports against SLAs</li> <li>Initiates investigation when SLAs are not compliant</li> <li>Collects subjective customer satisfaction feedback to determine if SLAs accurately measure service</li> <li>Authorizes additions, revisions or retirement of services in the service catalog</li> <li>Analyzes process performance data</li> <li>Reviews service commitments</li> <li>Communicates additions, revisions or retirement of services and service offerings</li> <li>Authorizes service level agreements (SLAs)</li> <li>Authorizes all OLAs with service providers</li> <li>Monitors all OLAs with service providers</li> <li>Acts as the escalation contact for OLA issues</li> <li>Reviews all OLAs to ensure Service Level Objectives can be met</li> </ul>			
Contract Managers	<ul><li>Negotiate Underpinning Contracts (UCs)</li><li>Signatory parties to UCs</li></ul>			
External Vendors	Signatory parties to UCs			
Infrastructure Leads	<ul> <li>Consulted in the negotiation of UCs</li> <li>Consulted in the negotiation of OLAs</li> <li>Signatory parties to OLAs</li> </ul>			
Process Owners	<ul> <li>Gather process performance data</li> <li>Consulted in the invocation of Service Improvement Procedure</li> </ul>			
Service Owners	<ul> <li>Ultimately responsible for the overall quality of the service,</li> <li>Maintain the processes by which the service is deployed and maintained,</li> <li>Monitor the service and coordinate efforts to improve it,</li> <li>Monitor incidents related to the service,</li> <li>Act as the central point of contact for customers and users of the service,</li> <li>Define, negotiate and manage OLA's, and UC's associated with the service.</li> <li>Oversees the activities of the Infrastructure Teams.</li> </ul>			
Customers	<ul> <li>Submit Business Requirements</li> <li>Negotiate SLAs</li> <li>Signatory parties to SLAs</li> <li>Maintain customer responsibilities as agreed upon in the SLAs</li> </ul>			



Process Measurements				
Key Performance Indicators	Frequency	Upper/Lower Control Limits	Objectives	Data Captures
Critical SLA's are being monitored and reports are produced	Monthly	>10% SLAs Reviewed At least 10% of SLA Reviews trigger Service Improvement Procedure	A decrease in corrective actions after Critical SLAs are reviewed is indicative of increased customer service satisfaction.	4.3
Documentary evidence of issues raised at review meetings	Monthly	>10% SLAs Reviewed	A reduction in Service Improvement Procedure activations provides evidence that monthly reviews have validated the attainment of meeting critical SLAs.	4.3
% of defined services with active SLA's as compared with total offered services.	Monthly		An increase up to the total defined services indicates increased service management maturity.	4.3
% of defined services with active OLA's	Monthly		An increase up to the total defined services indicates increased service management maturity.	4.3
SLA review punctuality	Monthly	The average number of days from the end date of an SLA evaluation term until the date on which the SLA review was performed.	Demonstrates process maturity and effectiveness	4.3

		Proces	SS INTEGRATION POINTS
Process		Process	Information
Service Level Management	to	Incident Management	<ul> <li>Manages and provides Service catalog to understand the services that are being supported.</li> <li>Prescribes agreed service level response times and resolution for incidents based on incident severity level.</li> </ul>
Incident Management	to	Service Level Management (SLM)	<ul> <li>Provides Incident management reports regarding incident response times and resolution times.</li> <li>Documents any identified SLA breaches occurring as a result of an incident.</li> </ul>
Service Level	to	Problem	Establishes target times for addressing Problem(s).
Management	Ma	Management	Provides definition of the impact for the different severity levels.
			Assists in developing the service definitions and Services     Catalog that Problem Management must understand and use to support IT Services.
			<ul> <li>Provides mechanism and rules for requesting services that the Problem Management makes use of when supporting end users.</li> </ul>

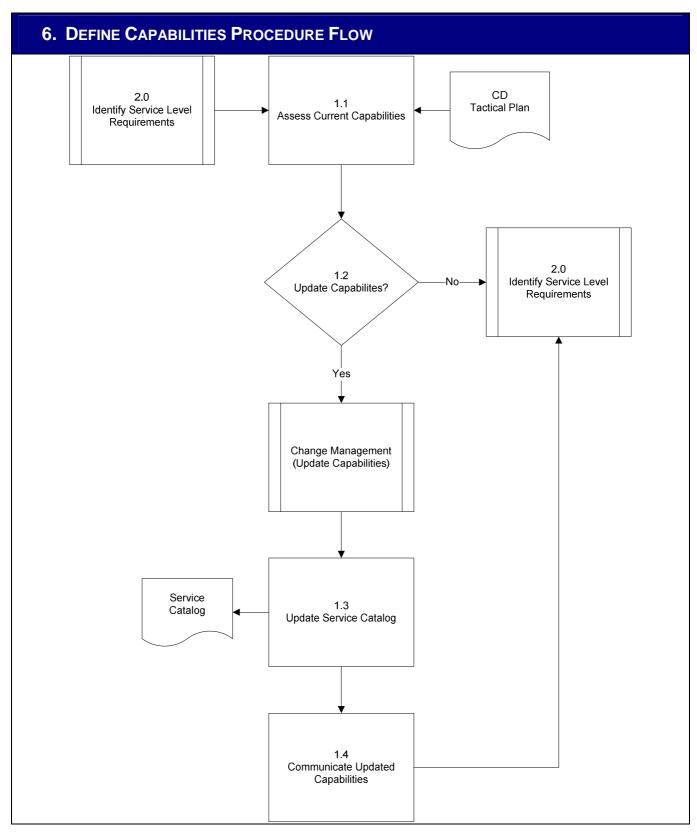


Process Integration Points				
Process		Process	Information	
			<ul> <li>Provides SLA parameters so Problem Management can understand the required resolution times necessary to meet current SLA targets.</li> <li>Provides expectations for feedback needed to be provided to end users.</li> </ul>	
Problem Management	to	Service Level Management (SLM)	<ul> <li>Provides details on current escalation procedures that are in place to support current service level targets.</li> <li>Provides details around escalation SLA breaches that might occur.</li> <li>Provides details around Major Problems.</li> <li>Performs Major Problem reviews to understand what went well and what could have gone better.</li> </ul>	
Service Level	to	Change	Service catalog and current service levels.	
Management		Management	Gervice datalog and current service levels.	
Change Management	to	Service Level Management (SLM)	Schedule of changes so SLM will understand the potential impact of changes to current service levels.	
Service Level Management	to	Capacity Management	SLRs so that Capacity Management can effectively provide an effective solution to meet service levels and service demands.	
Capacity Management	to	Service Level Management (SLM)	Capacity plan, solutions and technology to assist in meeting current service level requirements (SLRs).	
Service Level Management	to	Availability Management	<ul> <li>Service Level Requirements, SLA's, Operating Level Agreements (OLA's), Underpinning Contracts (UC's)</li> <li>Service Catalogue</li> </ul>	
Availability Management	to	Service Level Management (SLM)	Reports based on planned .vs. actual availability. Work with SLM to provide proper Service Level Agreement (SLA) targets.	
Service Level	to	IT Service	Service catalog	
Management		Continuity Management (ITSCM)	Service level requirements and SLAs for critical services to ensure that these services are available during the event of a disaster.	
ITSCM	to	Service Level Management	<ul> <li>Service continuity plan</li> <li>Vital business functions and recovery procedures to ensure that the required services are up and running during the event of a disaster.</li> </ul>	
Service Level	to	Configuration	Service catalog and supporting service level agreements.	
Management		Management	- Corrido datalog and supporting service level agreements.	
Configuration Management	to	Service Level Management (SLM)	CMDB providing details of all CIs and relationships that support the identified services agreed upon through Service Level Management.	
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Service Level Management	to	Financial Management	Manages and provides Service catalog and service offering details	
Financial	to	Service Level	Provides costing models to determine cost of providing services	



	Process Integration Points				
Process		Process	Information		
Management		Management	detailed in the service catalog and pricing options available for different service offerings.		
Service Level Management	to	Release Management	Provides Service level requirements and service levels that Release Management needs to be aware of in order to properly schedule releases.		
Release Management	to	Service Level Management (SLM)	Provides Release schedule of upcoming releases so that Service Level Management is aware of the new releases and how they could possibly impact current service levels.		
Service Level Management	to	Security Management	Provides Services catalog and SLAs		
Security Management	to	Service Level Management	Provides Security requirements for delivering services in the services catalog and security requirements need to be documented in the SLAs.		





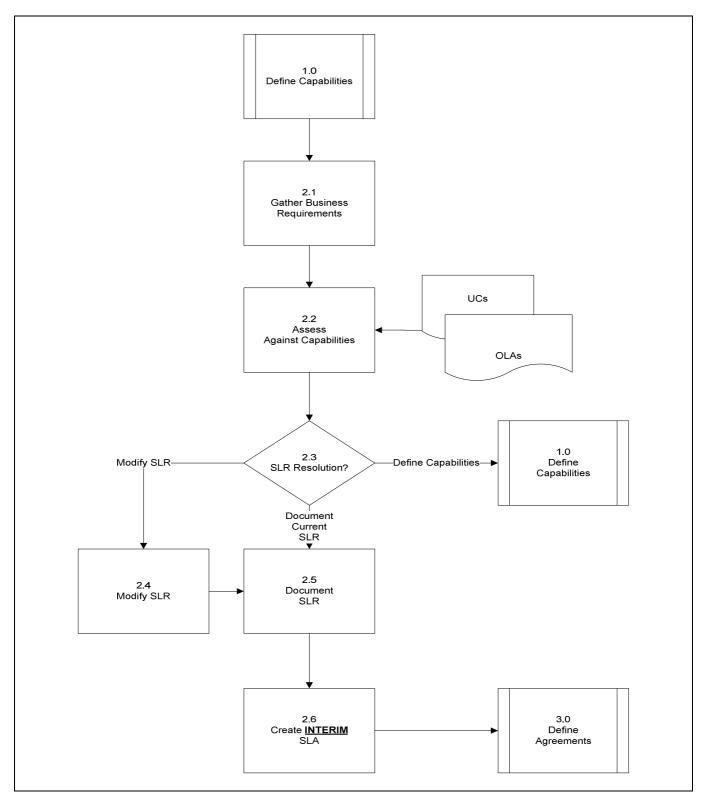


	DEFINE CAPABILITIES PROCEDURE BUSINESS RULES				
Triggers	This is a periodic review and analysis.				
Inputs	<ul><li>CD Tactical Plan</li><li>Service Catalog</li></ul>				
Outputs	Updated Service Catalog				
General Comments	These activities will be executed on a periodic basis (typically annually) to assess the current IT capabilities for delivery of services of the organization.				

	DEFINE CAPABILITIES PROCEDURE NARRATIVE					
Step	Responsible Role	Action				
1.1	Service Level Manager, Infrastructure Leads	Assess Current Capabilities     Consider these capabilities in the context or whether or not they support the Computing Division's Tactical Plan.     Assess and document organizational capabilities. Items to consider while performing this assessment are:     Does the current environment support the business and functional requirements?     Is Service Delivery (hardware/software/people) capable of supporting requirements?     Go to Decision – Update Capabilities?				
1.2	Service Level Manager	Update Capabilities?  - Will the capabilities be updated at this time?  - If Yes, update the service capabilities, under the Change Management Process.  - If No, go to 2.0 - Identify Service Level Requirements.				
1.3	Service Level Manager	<ul> <li>Update Service Catalog</li> <li>Update the Service Catalog to reflect new or improved services which can be offered.</li> <li>Go to 1.4 – Communicate Updated Capabilities.</li> </ul>				
1.4	Service Level Manager	Communicate Updated Capabilities  Ensure that the appropriate people are aware of the updated capabilities of the service.  Go to 2.0 - Identify Service Level Requirements.  Note: The Service Desk is one area to whom these changes must be communicated; this will prevent confusion if incidents are reported against the updated capabilities.				

## 7. IDENTIFY SERVICE LEVEL REQUIREMENTS PROCEDURE FLOW

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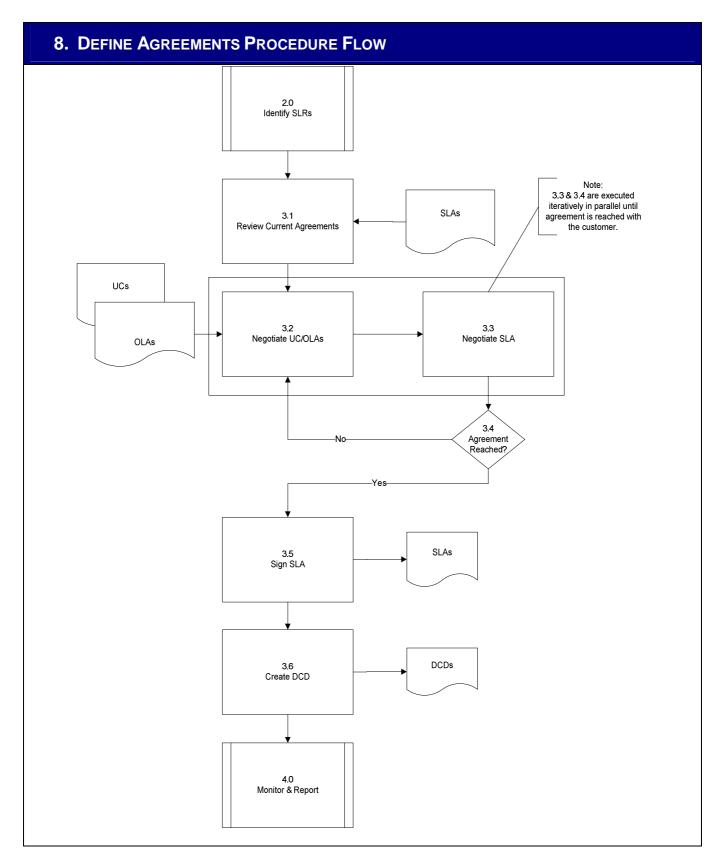




IDENTIFY SERVICE LEVEL REQUIREMENTS PROCEDURE BUSINESS RULES				
Triggers	Request for new service			
Inputs	New Service Request			
Outputs	Documented Service Level Requirements			
General Comments	None			

1	IDENTIFY SERVICE LEVEL REQUIREMENTS PROCEDURE NARRATIVE					
Step #	Responsible Role	Action				
		Gather Business Requirements				
2.1	Service Level Manager	<ul> <li>Collect and negotiate the requirements from the business with input from:         <ul> <li>Service Liaisons</li> <li>Service Owners</li> <li>Governing documents such as MOU's</li> <li>Remedy Incident Records.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Go to 2.2</li> </ul>				
		Assess Against Capabilities				
2.2	Service Level Manager,	<ul> <li>Assess requirements against current capabilities to determine if current capabilities meet the requirements.</li> </ul>				
	Infrastructure Leads	Refer to OLA's and UC's for verification.				
		• Go to 2.3.				
		SLR Resolution?				
2.3 Service Level Manager		<ul> <li>Determine how the SLR will be managed.</li> <li>If Define Capabilities, go back to Procedure1.0 - Define Capabilities.</li> <li>If Modify SLR, go to Step 2.4.</li> <li>If no action at this time, go to step 2.5.</li> </ul>				
	Service Level Manager	Modify SLR				
2.4		<ul> <li>After consulting with the customer modify the SLR as required.</li> <li>Go to 2.5.</li> </ul>				
		Document Service Level Requirements (SLRs)				
2.5 Service Level Manager  Collect and document the SLRs and post them within the Service Management SharePoint site.  Go to 2.6.						
		Create INTERIM SLA				
2.6	Service Level Manager, Service Owner	<ul> <li>Inform the customer that an informal SLA will be created, and that this statement of service is subject to negotiation with other CD infrastructure groups and with external vendors.</li> </ul>				
		<ul> <li>Issue an interim SLA to be used until such time as a formal one is agreed- upon by both the customer, and the service provider.</li> </ul>				





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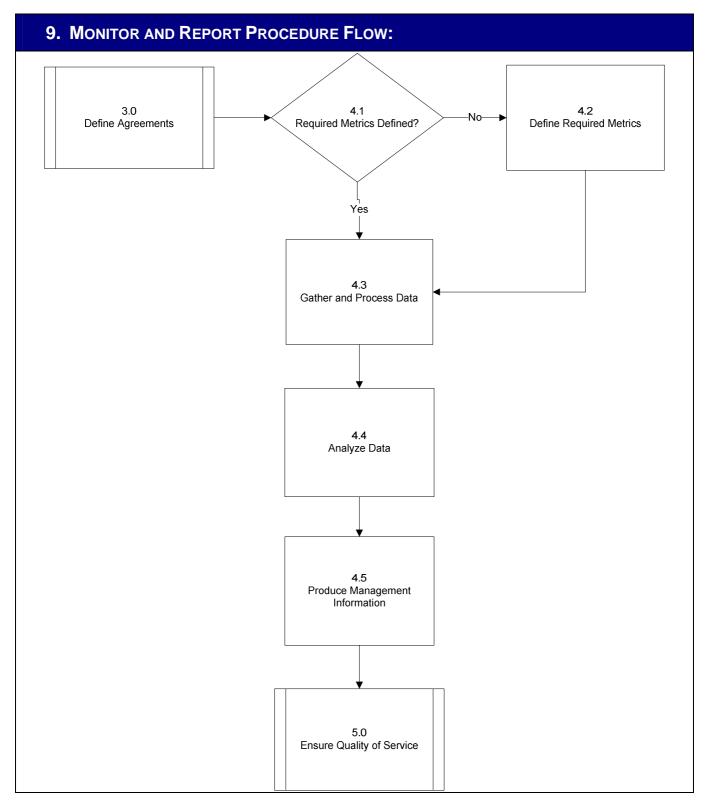
	DEFINE AGREEMENTS PROCEDURE BUSINESS RULES				
Triggers	<ul> <li>New Service, OR</li> <li>current service having undergone a major upgrade</li> </ul>				
Inputs	<ul> <li>Service Level Requirements</li> <li>Service Level Agreement (SLA)</li> <li>Underpinning Contracts (UC)</li> <li>Operational Level Agreements (OLA)</li> </ul>				
Outputs	Updated Service Level Agreement (SLA)     Data Collection Document (DCD)				
General Comments	In cases of major services, management may wish to negotiate directly, with the Service Level Manager acting as an advisor.				

	DEFINE AGREEMENTS PROCEDURE NARRATIVE					
Step	Responsible Role	Action				
3.1	Service Level Manager	Review Current Agreements  Review agreements for: Similarities to proposed service(s) Potential impact or concern for resource or data conflicts				
3.2	Service Level Manager, CD Contract Managers, External Vendors, Infrastructure Leads	Negotiate UC/OLAs     For UC's, negotiate with external vendors in support and delivery of the defined service     For OLAs, negotiate with the internal organizations and groups in support and delivery of the service				
3.3	Service Level Manager, Customer Representative	Negotiate SLA  Negotiate and obtain agreement between the Customer and the supplier of the service for specific SLA(s). SLA's will contain data specific to the service written in business terms and will include:  Availability and Capacity targets  Support Requirements  IT Service Continuity Requirements  Note: 3.2 and 3.3 are negotiated in parallel and iteratively until all impacted groups, including the customer, are in agreement.				
3.4	Service Level Manager,	Agreement Reached?  Have both the Customer and the Service Owner agreed to the terms of the SLA?  If Yes, go to Step 3.5  If no, go back to Steps 3.2 and 3.3				



	DEFINE AGREEMENTS PROCEDURE NARRATIVE					
Step	tep Responsible Role Action					
3.5	Service Owner, Service Level Manager, Customer Representative	<ul> <li>Sign SLA</li> <li>The Service Owner, Service Level Manager and the Customer Representative with signature authority will review and agree on the SLA and complete by physically signing the SLA.</li> <li>Signed SLAs will be posted on the ISO20K SharePoint site.</li> <li>Go to Step 3.6</li> </ul>				
3.6	Service Level Manager	Create DCD  Based on the SLA, create a Data Collection Document (DCD) which will define the agreed upon services, identify measurable targets and post on the ISO20K SharePoint Site.  Go to Step 4.0  Note: The DCD will provide the foundation for the Service Reports				



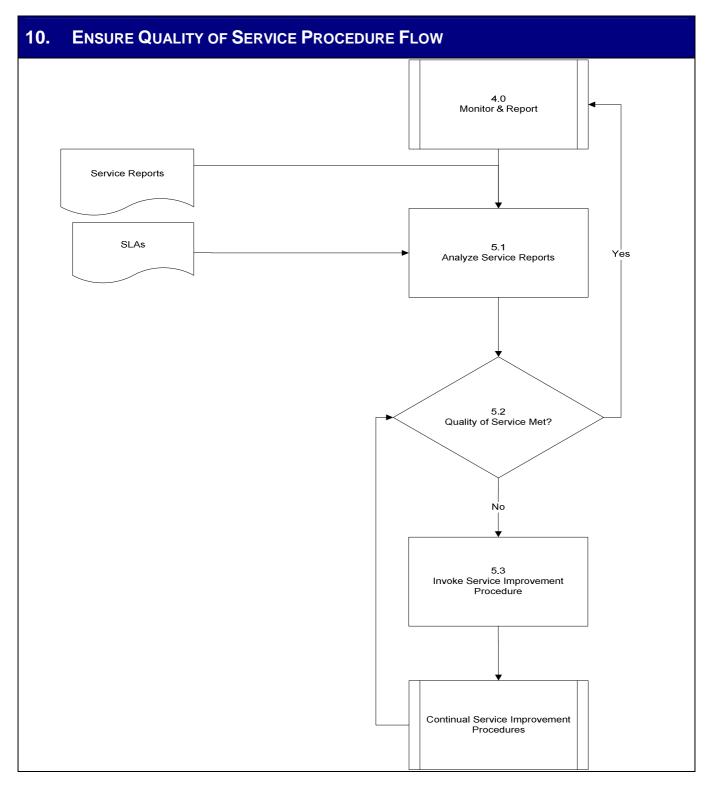




	Monitor and Report Procedure Business Rules				
Triggers	Agreed Upon Periodic Reporting				
Inputs	Process Data and Metrics				
Outputs	Management Information				
	Immediately when Services are implemented, monitoring must be instigated, and management information based on service achievements must be produced. Operational reports must be produced frequent where possible, reports should be produced whenever an SLA				
General	has been broken (or threatened if appropriate thresholds have been set to give an 'early warning').				
Comments	Periodic reports must be produced and circulated to Customer and appropriate CD managers a few days in advance of Service Level Agreement reviews, so that any				
	queries or disagreements can be resolved ahead of the review meeting. The periodic report should incorporate details of performance against Service targets, together with details of any trends or specific actions being undertaken to improve Service quality.				

	MONITOR AND REPORT PROCEDURE NARRATIVE						
Step#	Responsible Role	Action					
4.1	Service Level Manager, Service Owner	<ul> <li>Required Metrics Defined?</li> <li>Review if all required metrics have been defined.</li> <li>If No, go to Step 4.2 Define Required Metrics.</li> <li>If Yes, go to Step 4.3 Gather and Process Data.</li> </ul>					
4.2	Service Level Manager, Infrastructure leads	<ul> <li>Define Required Metrics</li> <li>Define the required metrics and ensure that needed data to support those metrics and metric data collection is being captured in order to go to the next step.</li> <li>Go to Step 4.3.</li> </ul>					
4.3	Infrastructure Leads	<ul> <li>Gather and Process Data</li> <li>Gather and process data that is required in order to perform analysis for the quality of service. This data will be provided by all the other ITIL processes.</li> <li>Go to Step 4.4.</li> </ul>					
4.4	Service Level Manager, Service Owner	<ul> <li>Analyze Data</li> <li>Analyze the data and document the interpretation against the documented expectations of the customer (refer to SLAs and SLRs).</li> <li>Go to Step 4.5.</li> </ul>					
4.5	Service Level Manager	<ul> <li>Produce Management Information</li> <li>Produce the agreed-upon Management Information (metrics/reports) to defined stakeholders.</li> <li>Go to Sub-process 5.0 Ensure Quality of Service.</li> </ul>					







Ensure Quality of Service Procedure Business Rules					
Triggers	Regular Service Reports completed				
Inputs	<ul><li>Service Reports</li><li>SLAs</li></ul>				
Outputs	Service Improvement Requirements				
General Comments	This section is a loop. As long as the service is in place there is a continual check against the service thresholds, and activities to maintain the levels of service being provided.				

	Ensure Quality of Service Procedure Narrative							
Step#	Responsible Role	Responsible Role Action						
5.1	Service Level Manager, Service Owner	<ul> <li>Analyze Service Reports</li> <li>Review Service Reports for: <ul> <li>Breeched Service Levels</li> <li>Service Levels approaching breech</li> <li>Downward trends in service levels</li> </ul> </li> </ul>						
5.2	Quality of Service Met?							
5.3	Service Level Manager	<ul> <li>Invoke the Continual Service Improvement Procedure</li> <li>Refer to the defined Procedure for Continual Service Improvement activities. Once the Service Improvement Procedure has been completed return to step 7.5.2.</li> </ul>						



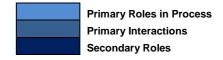
## 11. **RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER DOCUMENTS Document Name** Relationship Service Improvement Process & Procedures Process, Procedure Change Management Process & Procedure **Procedure Process SLA Template** Template **OLA Template** Template Service Level Management Business Process Requirements Requirements Service Reporting Business Process Requirements Requirements



R - Responsible Role responsible for getting the work done

A - Accountable Only one role can be accountable for each activity

C - Consult The role who are consulted and whose opinions are sought



Sub-Processes and Activities	Service Level	Contract Manager	External Vendor	Infrastructure Leads	Service Owners	Customers
1.0 - Define	Manager					
Capabilities						
1.1 - Assess Current Capabilities	Α			R	С	
1.2 - Update Capabilities?	Α			С	С	
1.3 - Update Service Catalog	A, R			I	I	
1.4 – Communicate Updated Capabilities	A, R			I	I	
2.0 - Identify						
Service Level Requirements						
2.1 - Gather Business Requirements	A, R	I	I	I	I	
2.2 - Assess Against Capabilities	A, R		С	С	С	
2.3 – SLR Resolution?	Α					
2.4 - Modify SLR	Α	I	I	1	I	
2.5 - Document SLR	A, R	I	I	1	1	
2.6 – Create INTERIM SLA	Α	I	I	С	С	
3.0 - Define Agreements						
3.1 - Review Current Agreement	A, R					
3.2 - Negotiate UCs/OLAs	A, R	R	R	R		
3.3 - Negotiate SLA	A, C	R	С	С	С	
3.4 – Agreement Reached?	А	I	I	I	I	
3.5 - Sign SLA	Α	R	I	I	R	R
3.6 - Create DCD	A, R	I		I	С	I
4.0 - Monitor and Report						
4.1 - Required Metrics Defined?	A, R			С	С	



APPENDIX 1 – RACI MATRIX						
Sub-Processes and Activities	Service Level Manager	Contract Manager	External Vendor	Infrastructure Leads	Service Owners	Customers
4.2 - Define Required Metrics	А			С	R	
4.3 - Gather and Process Data	A, C		R	R	R	
4.4 - Analyze Data	Α		R	R	С	
4.5 - Produce Management Information	A, R		I	I	I	
5.0 - Ensure Quality of Service						
5.1 - Analyze Service Reports	Α		R	R	R	
5.2 - Is the Quality of Service met?	A, R				С	
5.3 - Invoke Service Improvement Procedure	A, R		I	1	С	



APPENDIX 2: TOOLS					
Tool	Reference				
BMC SLM Service Targets	Used to record and manage Service Targets and Incident Management's performance against the targets				
BMC SLM Agreements	Used to record and manage Agreements (SLA, OLA, UC), and Contracts.				
BMC Remedy Incident Management Module	Bi-directional interface with BMC SLM Service Targets to indicate the current status of the service vis-à-vis agreed-upon service levels.				



APPENDIX 3: REPOSITORIES				
Repository	Description	Reference		
BMC Service Level Management Database	Used to store the details of Service Targets, Agreements (SLA, OLA, UC), and Contracts.			
BMC Remedy Database	Stores the details of Incidents against which service performance are compared.			

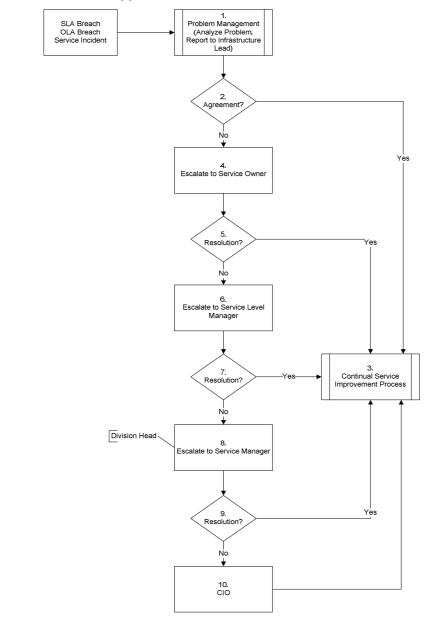


## APPENDIX 4 - ESCALATION PATH

## **Escalation Path**

This section outlines the Escalation Path to be followed when there is an SLA Breach, an OLA Breach, or a reported Service Incident, and agreement cannot be reached as to the root cause or resolution. It is a combination of functional and hierarchical escalation, and its purposes are to ensure the restoration of service in a timely manner and to allow for the triggering of the CSIP process to prevent further recurrences of the incident or problem.

The escalation criteria and the appropriate times will depend on the terms of the agreement, and this section with those criteria will be appended to all SLA's and OLA's.







## **APPENDIX 5: COMMUNICATION PLAN**

The Cross-Functional ITIL Process Group will bring into alignment all Service Management offerings provided by CD to its customers. In order for the process and procedures to be executed effectively and efficiently, the following communication plan will identify all ad-hoc and on-going communication required.

Note: This is a generic Communications process which will be refined for this specific area.

## Key messages:

- The Service Level Management process is focused on ensuring that service management process areas are focused on delivering agreed upon service levels.
- Service Level Agreement requirements must be communicated and well understood by other process
  owners
- With agreement by the customer, Service Level Agreements can be updated to reflect updated business goals
- Overall, ITIL-based IT Service Management will lead to:
  - Sustained availability of IT and business services
  - Measurably improved quality of IT services over time
- Do the following:
  - Organize regular reviews to make the process more effective
  - Organize independent audits to check compliance and to optimize the process making it more effective
  - Involve all process owners. Make them partners in providing services
  - Agree on qualified, quantified, measurable service levels
- · Refrain from the following:
  - Don't agree to any target you can't measure
  - Don't start by talking to your customer, start by listening
  - Don't say "NO". If a customer wants a service that you don't deliver normally, explain the consequences (time, money) if you do. Let the customer decide whether to invest.

## Approach:

This plan details tasks that apply generally to all ITIL processes. The plan assumes that there will be a combination of face-to-face training/meeting events and broadcast communications designed to both increase awareness of the processes among stakeholders and to ensure high performance of the new processes among key service delivery staff.



## **Goals of the Communication Plan:**

Encourage participation of the target audiences:

• Service Delivery Staff

Coordinate communication that facilitates:

- Good management decisions, plans & activities
- Ensuring that SLA requirements are being met and that corrective action, if necessary, is occurring

	Activity	Timing	Responsible Party	Target Audience	Artifact
1	Event 1: Service Level Manager meets with other process owners to communicate critical SLA requirements		Service Level Manager	Service Delivery Managers	Meeting minutes
2	Communication 1: Notice to Service Delivery Staff of Service Level Management requirements		Service Level Manager	Service Delivery Staff	E-mail Meeting invite
3	Event 2: Collect and review monthly the appropriate reports detailing SLA statistics	Monthly	Service Level Manager	Customer	Meeting minutes Corrective Action Plans
4	Communication 2: Notice to Service Delivery Staff meeting to review SLA statistics	7 days before meeting	Service Level manager drafts and delivers to Service Delivery staff	Service Delivery Staff	E-mail Meeting invite
5	Event 3: Distribute Customer Feedback Survey to customer	Annually	Service Level Manager	Customer	Email of Survey distribution
6	Event 4: Collect and review Customer Feedback Survey results	Annually	Service Level Manager		Meeting minutes of survey result review
7	Communication 4: Notice to Service Delivery Staff meeting to review Customer Feedback Survey results	7 days before meeting	Service Level manager drafts and delivers to Service Delivery staff	Service Delivery Staff	E-mail Meeting invite



Each type of communication has a specific focus, however a common approach can be taken to define and formulate the specific communication activities. The steps listed below formulate the approach to be taken to compose those activities:

## **Activities**

### Step 1 - Formulation

- Formulate goals and objectives of communication
- Formulate core message
- Identify all parties involved
- Integrate with existing communications forums

## Step 2 - Analysis

- Determine available and acceptable communication media
- Determine communication culture and define acceptable approach
- Determine existing knowledge of subject in the environment

#### Step 3 - Identification

- Determine key interest groups related to the subject of the campaign
- Determine communication objectives per interest group
- Determine the key messages from each interest group's perspective

## Step 4 - Definition

- Select the most appropriate media for communication from:
  - Direct Media such as workshops, Focus Group discussions, or individual presentations
  - Indirect Media such as the Intranet, lectures or newsletters

## Step 5 - Planning

- Define a plan that links important points in the subject of the communication (e.g. milestones in a project) to communication activities, and media
- Determine the communication audience and resources
- Determine the review criteria for successful communication
- Obtain formal management support for the plan

## Step 6 - Implementation

- Perform communication activities as per plan
- Manage the plan and safeguard it
- Ensure production and distribution of materials is effective and as per plan
- Continually gauge reaction to the approach and messages

## Step 7 - Evaluation

- Monitor reactions to the communication approach throughout the delivery of the plan and adjust the plan if necessary
- Determine during the effects of the campaign using the review criteria established in step 5



The following types of communication are available:

Communication Type	Examples of Usage	
Escalations	<ul> <li>To initiate (or trigger) actions</li> <li>To gain required resources (people, information, budget etc.)</li> </ul>	
Notifications	<ul> <li>To communicate operational process information</li> <li>To promote team awareness</li> </ul>	
Controlled Documents	<ul> <li>To communicate process descriptions/instructions</li> <li>To communicate reports</li> </ul>	

Each of the above types of communication can be delivered via one or more of the following mediums:

Communication Medium	Examples of Usage	Communication Type
Email	<ul><li>Individual email messages</li><li>Group email messages</li></ul>	Notification Escalations Reports
Verbal Documentation	<ul> <li>Formal and informal meetings</li> <li>Presentations</li> <li>Telephone calls</li> <li>Updated process documents</li> <li>Issued Project documentation</li> </ul>	Notifications Escalations  Controlled Documents
Reports	Implementation and back-out plans     Test results	Controlled Documents
Service Management tool	<ul><li>Development progress</li><li>Escalation</li><li>Status changes</li></ul>	Notifications  Automated Notification



APPENDIX 6 – FORMS, TEMPLATES				
Name	Description	Reference		
CD SLA Template	Template upon which specific SLAs between Computing Division Services and customers	SLA Template		
CD OLA Template	Template upon which specific OLAs between Computing Division Service teams who are involved in the provision of any service	SLA Template		